

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

APPLICATION USER'S GUIDE FALL 2006

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Introduction

The Nonpublic School Act, 1921 PA 302, permits the Superintendent of Public Instruction to inquire into the records of enrollment, qualifications of teachers, and course of study in nonpublic schools in the state. The completion of the Nonpublic School Membership Report is important because if the school meets the reporting requirements of the Nonpublic School Act, students may be eligible to receive auxiliary services. For additional information, go to www.michigan.gov/npshs. Please complete and submit the report by October 2, 2006.

Nonpublic schools may file the Nonpublic School Membership Report electronically using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS). MEGS is more than a grants system. It is also a repository for the Educational Technology Plan and several certifications you may be required to complete.

To submit information for the Nonpublic School Membership Report and to become an authorized user you must first obtain a Michigan Education Information System (MEIS) number (Step 1) and a MEGS system security (Step 2).

Hints for using MEGS.

MEGS is a web-based application that saves data to a central database. When navigating through any web-based application, especially MEGS, it is a best practice to use the on-screen navigation buttons to maneuver. Users should refrain from using the back and previous buttons on the internet toolbar; always use the MEGS onscreen menu options, including those in the header and footer sections of the application. You have to "apply" to create the "application" and use the Submit Application button to send the report to Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

- Avoid using the back button to navigate.
- **Save data** on each screen before navigating to the next screen.
- To return to the **Application Menu**, where the information is submitted to MDE, use the Application Menu link in the blue header.
- The **Submit Application** button is on the Application Menu page.
- To view the checklist for any comments from MDE, use the View Comments link in the Header or Footer. The checklist is interactive, you can write back to the department by adding and saving text in the Comments to Consultant section.
- The forms are color coded by year. The 0607 (06-07 school year) Nonpublic School Membership Report is Green. The 0506 (05-06 school year) report is Blue. Ensure that you use the Green form to submit your membership counts.
- Each of the Nonpublic School Membership Reports has an eight digit number that can be used to identify the report: 0607-0557. The first four numbers are the school year, i.e. 0607 for the 2006-2007 school year. The last four numbers are sequentially generated numbers. As a rule you will only need to ensure that you have the correct school name in the header and the correct color report. For this school year, schools should be working in the green report.

STEP 1 - Obtain a MEIS number. (Skip this step if you already have a MEIS account.)

- 1. To create your MEIS account number and password, go to the MEIS site at: https://cepi.state.mi.us/MEISPublic/step1.asp or www.michigan.gov/npshs
- 2. Follow prompts until you receive your MEIS number, your username and password. Please note that your MEIS number will begin with the letter "A." The password is computer generated; therefore, it is highly recommended that you immediately change your password and print the page.

HINT - If you cannot locate your username or password, contact the help desk at 517-335-0505.

<u>STEP 2 - Obtain MEGS Security Authorization.</u> (Skip this step if you already have a MEGS Security Authorization for the Nonpublic School Membership Report.)

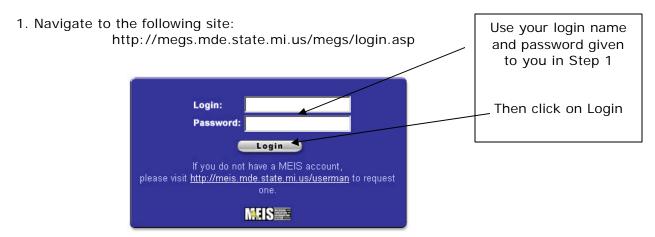
Each nonpublic school is allowed two "authorized officials" (AO) per application. Each AO must submit a MEGS security form to the MDE. Once an AO has been given rights to the system, they act as the system administrator for the school and can add any other staff to the system. These additional users do NOT need to submit security forms, but they do need to obtain a MEIS number as described in Step 1 above.

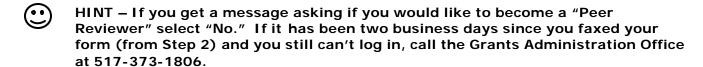
The security form can be found in Attachment A.

- 1. Complete the MEGS Security Authorization form for nonpublic schools using the MEIS number obtained in Step 1.
- 2. Fax form to 517-241-0496.
- 3. Your account will be activated one to two business days after receipt of the fax.

(Each electronic system has its own set of security forms that must be completed.)

STEP 3 - Log into the MEGS site.





STEP 4 - Start (initiate) your report.

1. Select Nonpublic School Membership Report (FY-2007) and click on the Initiate button.



For further information on Additional Functions and Maintain MEGS Accounts go to the MEGS public site a: http://megs.mde.state.mi.us/megsweb/

THE APPLICATION

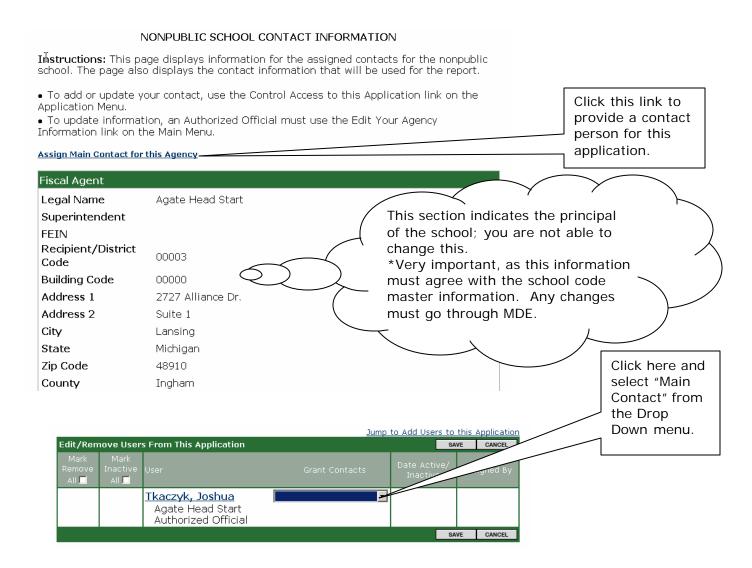


STEP 5 - Assign Main Contact.

The **GENERAL INFORMATION** category allows you to enter your "Nonpublic School Contact Information."

Nonpublic School Contact Information

- 1. Click on "Nonpublic School Contact Information."
- 2. The AO's name will automatically appear. You may make the AO the contact, or add someone else to the application and assign as "Main Contact."

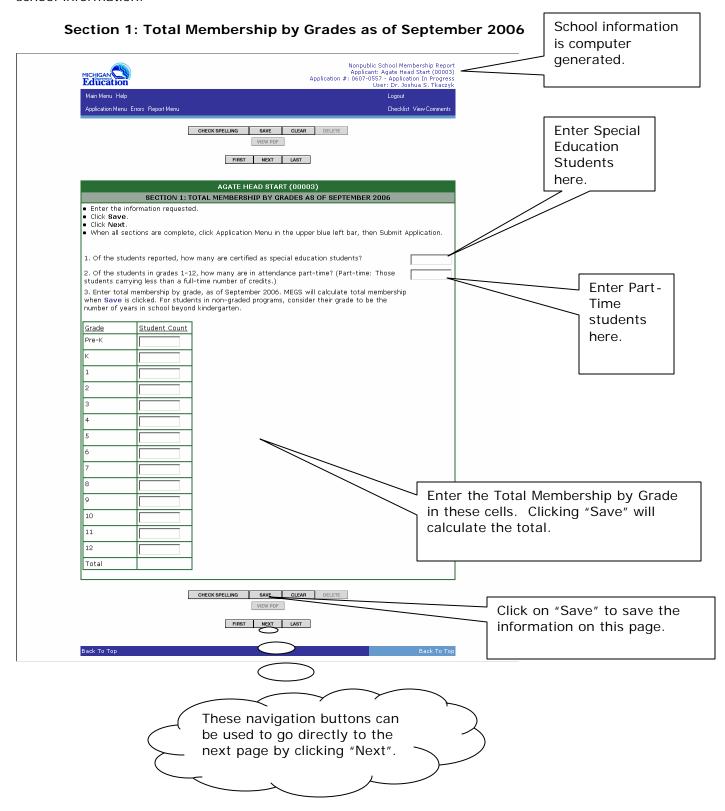


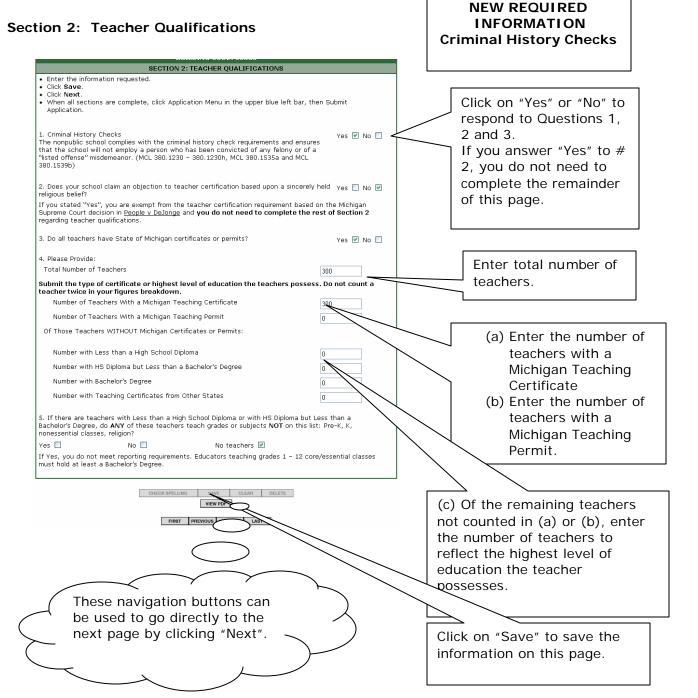


HINT: The contact person is usually the level 5 that is completing the nonpublic school application.

STEP 6 - Enter Nonpublic School Membership Information.

The **NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION** category allows you to enter your school information.

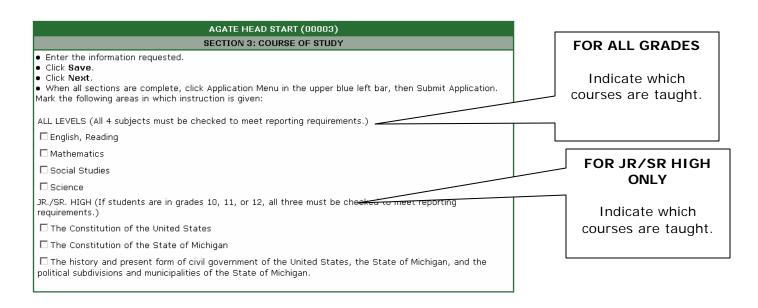


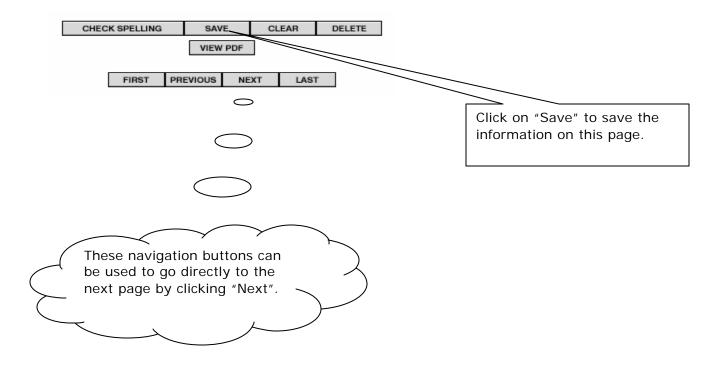




HINT: The total number of teachers in #4 should be the total of (a), (b), and (c) above.

Section 3: Course of Study





Optional Information

AGATE HEAD START (00003) OPTIONAL INFORMATION Enter the information requested. Click Save. Click Next. • When all sections are complete, click Application Menu in the upper blue left bar, then Submit Application. Section 4: Time (Optional Information) 1. Number of hours per week instruction is given (whole number)(typically 20 - 40 hours) 2. Number of days instruction will be given during the year (whole number) (typically 170 - 185 days) Section 5: Instructional Personnel (Optional Information) Report Full-Time Equivalency to Nearest Whole Number. MEGS will calculate totals when SAVE is clicked. PERSONNEL PRE-K GRADES K-8 GRADES 9-12 Teachers (Full-Time Equivalency) Principals (Full-Time Equivalency) Other Instructional (Full-Time Equivalency) Total Section 6: Needy* Children In This School (Optional Information) What is the total number of needy children in this School? (This number is used in preparing the list of schools having high concentrations of students from low-income families for National Defense/Direct Student Loan cancellation benefits for teachers. It is MOST important that you enter ZERO (0) if you have NO Needy children.) *The number of needy children may be determined by your best estimate or actual survey of parents of students in your school whose income falls within the "Family Income Guidelines" indicated below. FAMILY INCOME GUIDELINES: FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 FAMILY MEMBERS* FAMILY INCOME FAMILY INCOME FAMILY MEMBERS* \$18,130 \$43,290 2 \$24,420 6 \$49,580 3 \$30,710 \$55,870 \$37,000 8 \$62,160 *Each additional family member: add \$6,290. NOTE: Failure to respond to the number of needy children eliminates the school from NDSL cancellation consideration.

These navigation buttons can be used to go directly to the next page by clicking "Last".

CHECK SPELLING

SAVE

CLEAR

DELETE

Click on "Save" to save the information on this page.

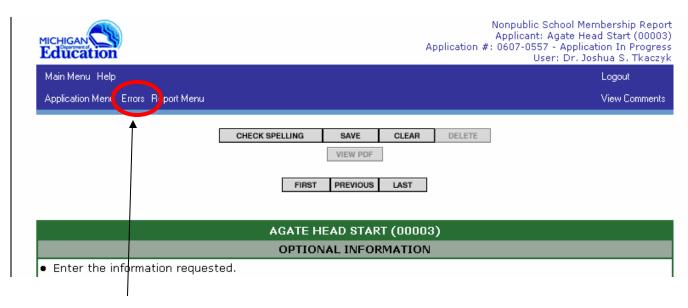
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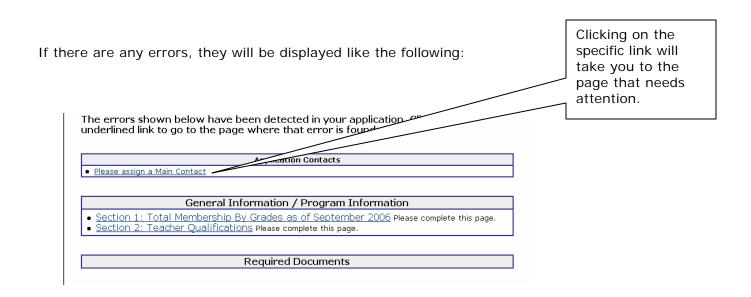
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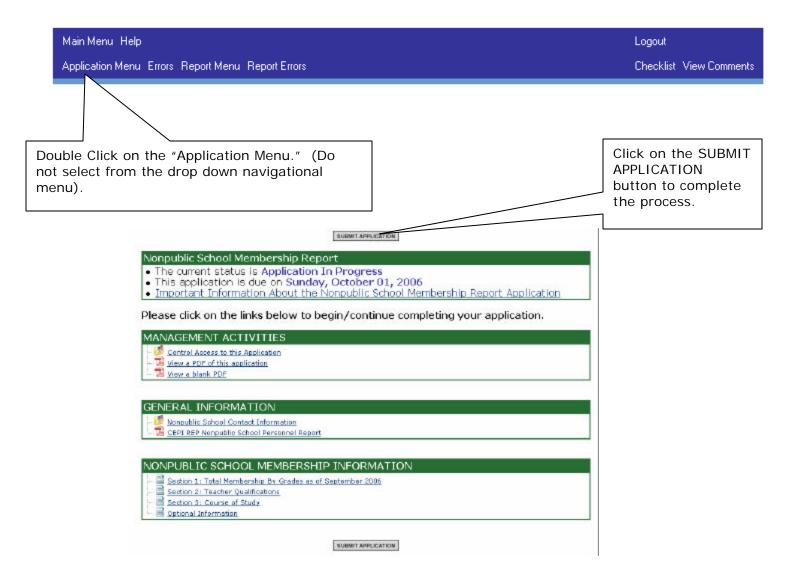
STEP 7 - Checking for errors.



You should check for errors before submitting the application. You may select Errors from any page at any time. This will alert you of required information that is incorrect or missing.



STEP 8 - Submit your report.



Submitting the application "closes" the application from further editing and "submits" it to the Department of Education (MDE) for review. If you found you made a mistake prior to the review from MDE, contact Wanda Bazzett at 517-373-1833 or bazzettw@michigan.gov to "open" the application for you to make corrections.

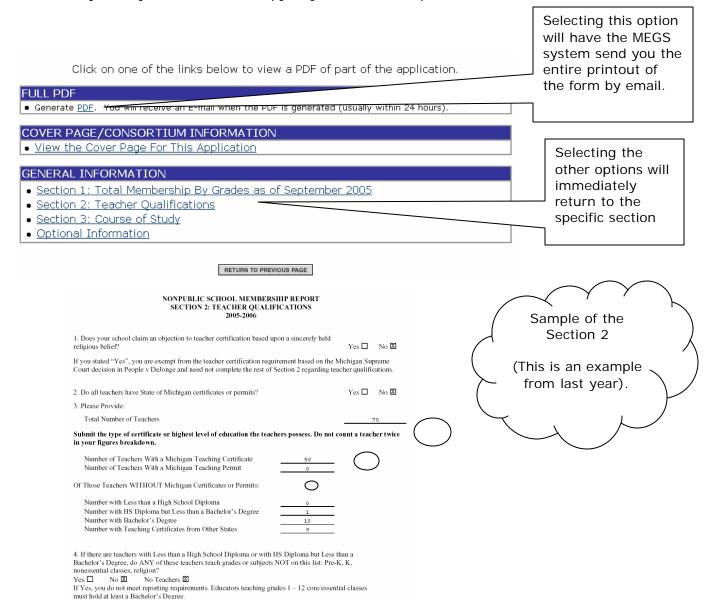


HINT: SUBMIT must be the last item completed even if MDE "re-opens" the application for corrections.

STEP 9 - Print your report.

View a PDF of this application – Use this to **print your application** AFTER you have completed the application.

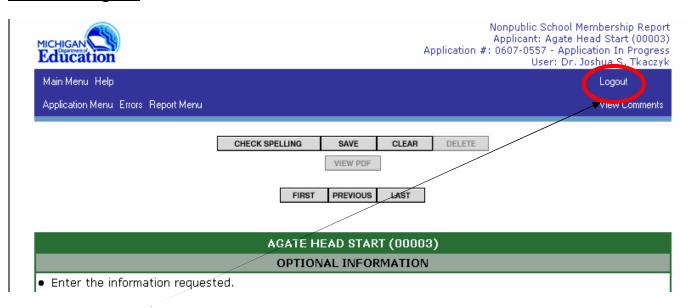
- 1. Under "Management Activities" click on "View a PDF of this application."
- 2. You are NOT required to submit the printed report to the Department of Education; you may need to send a copy to your central nonpublic office.



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HINT: Click on each section and print immediately to avoid waiting to receive an email of the entire application.

STEP 10 - Logout.

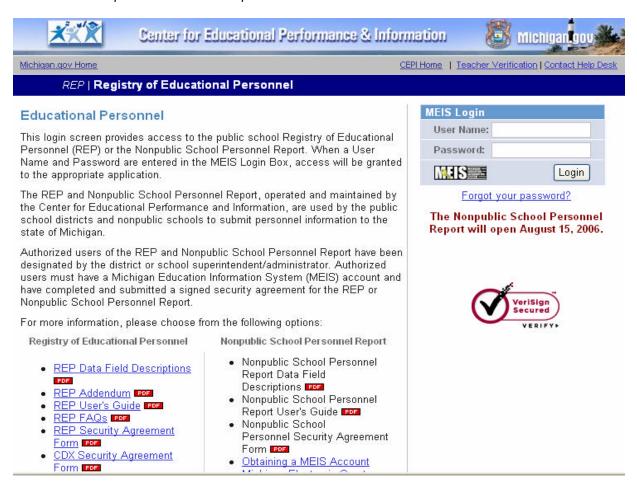


1. Click "Logout" to exit the application.

Nonpublic School Personnel Report

The **GENERAL INFORMATION** category allows you to access the Nonpublic School Personnel Report to enter your school personnel data as required by School Safety Legislation.

- To return to the "Application Menu", click the "Application Menu" link on the blue header.
- 2. Under the "General Information" category, click on "Nonpublic School Personnel Report" to access this required report. For information on completing this report contact the Help Desk at 517-335-0505. The MEGS staff will not be able to answer questions on this report.



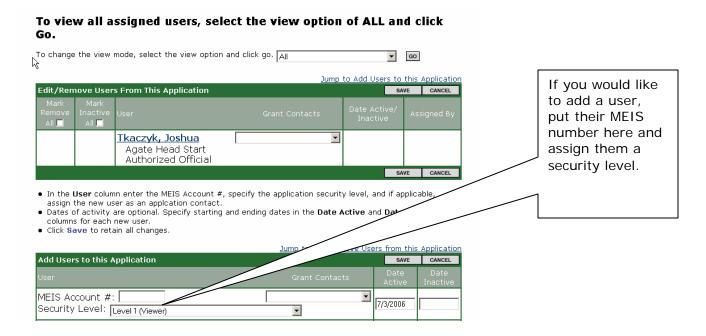
MEGS Additional Functionality.

The following is information that is available but NOT REQUIRED to complete the application.

A. Adding users to MEGS

This is used by the AO to add other school staff to the application.

Control Access to this Application is used by the AO to add additional users to the system. The AO can add staff by obtaining their own MEIS number as described in Step 1 above. Additional staff do not need to submit security forms to the Department of Education.



The following **MEGS security levels and rights** pertain to this particular application:

Level 5 – Authorized Officials (AO)

- Each agency is allowed two
- Submits the applications on behalf of the agency
- Security rights include view, edit and submit
- Assigns other agency users to MEGS
- Must submit security form to MDE

Level 4 – Application Administrators

- Unlimited number
- Manages the application
- Security rights include view and edit
- Does not need security form completed
- Added to MEGS by the Authorized Official

Level 3 – Does not apply to Nonpublic Schools

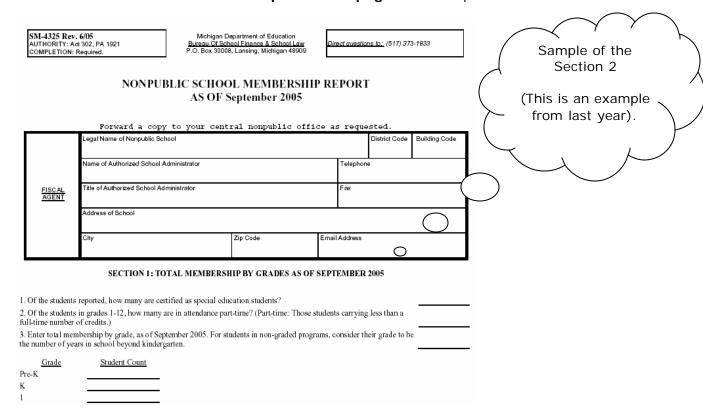
Level 2 – Application Writers

- Unlimited number
- Security rights are view and edit
- Does not need security form completed
- Added to MEGS by the Authorized Official

Level 1 - Viewers

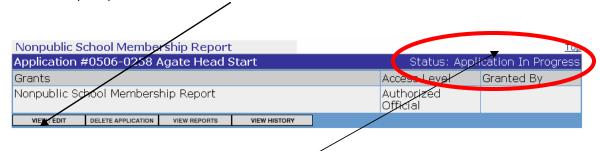
- Unlimited number
- Security right is view only
- Does not need security form completed
- Added to MEGS by the Authorized Official

B. View a blank PDF – Use this to print blank pages of the report.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. I know I saved my form, but it is no longer available in the drop down menu on main screen under "Initiate an Application." Where did it go?
- A. The only time you will see the application in this drop down menu is the first time you start the application. To "get back" to your application, scroll down until you find the "Nonpublic School Membership Report" and select the "VIEW/EDIT" tab.



- Q. How do I know if I submitted the application correctly?
- A. Make sure the "status" is "Application Submitted" (or "Modifications Submitted" if you had a correction to the application). If it is not, you must submit application as described in Step 9.
- Q. I have my MEIS number A1090909. Do I use that MEIS number on the login screen?
- A. No, the MEIS number is used to grant you access to the system and is used internally. You need to enter the login name and password given to you when you received this MEIS number.
- Q. Who do I contact for problems?
- A. There are several contacts:

MEIS – for obtaining a login account and password, if you forgot your password, or if you need to know your login:

Help Desk at 517-335-0505.

Nonpublic School Information questions on WHAT information to put on the form or other nonpublic school issues:

Wanda Bazzett at 517-373-1833 or bazzettw@michigan.gov.

MEGS issues:

Security Form – Andy DeYoung 517-373-4583 or deyounga@michigan.gov. Production Problems – Judy Byrnes 517-241-3895 or byrnesi@michigan.gov.

If you are unsure who to contact, contact Wanda Bazzett at 517-373-1833 or bazzettw@michigan.gov.

- Q. I forgot to print my application before it was submitted. How do I get a copy?
- A. Once the application is submitted, it is available for you in "View" mode only. Go into the application, "Management Activities" and click on "View a PDF of this application." See Step 10, page 12 for specific instructions.
- Q. I do not want to submit this report through the computer, how do I get a paper form?
- A. Electronic reporting is highly recommended. You are encouraged to use the electronic version. If you do not have computer access, you may use any public library or other source. Please contact Wanda Bazzett at 517-373-1833 or bazzettw@michigan.gov for further information.



Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS)* MEGS Security Authorization For Nonpublic Schools

| School N | Name: |
|------------|--|
| City: | District Code: |
| MEGS, i | Designate the individual who will serve as the Authorized Official for your organization. This role includes the full use including the authority to assign secondary access to the MEGS system within your organization. Each organization signate a maximum of two Authorized Officials. A separate form must be submitted for each Authorized Official. |
| | Name: Title: |
| | Email Address: Phone Number w/area code: |
| If this na | ume is a replacement for an existing Authorized Official, please complete the following: |
| | Replacement for |
| Previous | Authorized Official should be classified as: |
| | No longer with organization A member of our organization, no longer an authorized official. |
| Step 2. | To verify or create a MEIS Account, go to the following URL: http://meis.mde.state.mi.us/userman . |
| | 2a. To verify an existing MEIS account, log into MEIS and ensure the account is still valid. |
| | 2b. To create a new MEIS account, click on the Create New Account link and follow instructions. |
| Step 3. I | Enter MEIS Account of the Authorized Official: MEIS Account: A |
| Step 4. A | Authorized Official Acknowledgement: |
| | I agree to protect my user identification and password from unauthorized use. I understand all activity under my user ID is my responsibility. |
| - | Signature of Designated Authorized Official Date |
| Step 5. 1 | Principal or Director: |
| | I attest that the above named individual is authorized to initiate and electronically submit applications to the Michigan Department of Education and to designate other individuals within the organization to read, create and edit grant applications. |
| | Name of School |
| | Signature of the Principal or Director Date |

Step 6. Forward to MDE, Attn: MEGS, Fax Number (517) 241-0496 or mail to Michigan Department of Education, Grants Coordination & School Support, P.O. Box 30038, Lansing, Michigan 48909

Your account will be activated one to two business days after receipt. You will NOT be receiving notification of this.

*MEGS is also used for the Educational Technology Plan and the Nonpublic School Membership Report collections.